Q. ***Why did President Johnson make the Joint Chiefs of Staff sign a memorandum saying that they okayed the defense of Khe Sanh in Vietnam? Doesn't he trust them?—Morley Pritchard, Asheville, N.C.***

A. Not completely. He knows full well what the Joint Chiefs did to the late President Kennedy in recommending the Bay of Pigs fiasco in Cuba. He knows full well what the Joint Chiefs did to him in recommending the expansion of the war in Vietnam. He does not want history to hold him exclusively responsible for any sizable defeat in Vietnam.

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